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Dear Mr. Seifert:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 275. I will not be able to attend the hearing on Friday, so am requesting that you either submit to the hearing committee or read my comment.

Having served as a Public Member on the Board of Pharmacy in the mid-1990's and again from 2002-2008, I have a tremendous respect for the Pharmacy profession and feel that I understand the workings of the Board. The Board is mandated and given the weighty responsibility of protecting the health & welfare of Montanans in a knowledgeable and wise manner.

As the profession of Pharmacy has changed since the mid-90's, so has the composition of the Board. It was a wise decision to add a Pharmacy-Technician to the Board in order to understand and fairly regulate their profession. Because we are seeing the scope of a Pharmacist's practice broaden and change, I feel that it is important for the Board to be able to draw knowledge from a variety of Pharmacy practices in order to fairly regulate their profession and to protect the health & welfare of Montanans. Therefore I strongly support Senate Bill 275, which would add another Pharmacist Member to the Board, with the hopes that another scope of the ever-evolving practice of Pharmacy would be represented.

I do understand that adding another Board Member, who is a Pharmacist licensed in the State of Montana, might increase the amount of revenue needed to support the Board. I trust that the profession of Pharmacy will support any increase in their license fees if they know that they are being fairly and wisely represented on the Board.

Sincerely,

Ann H. Pasha